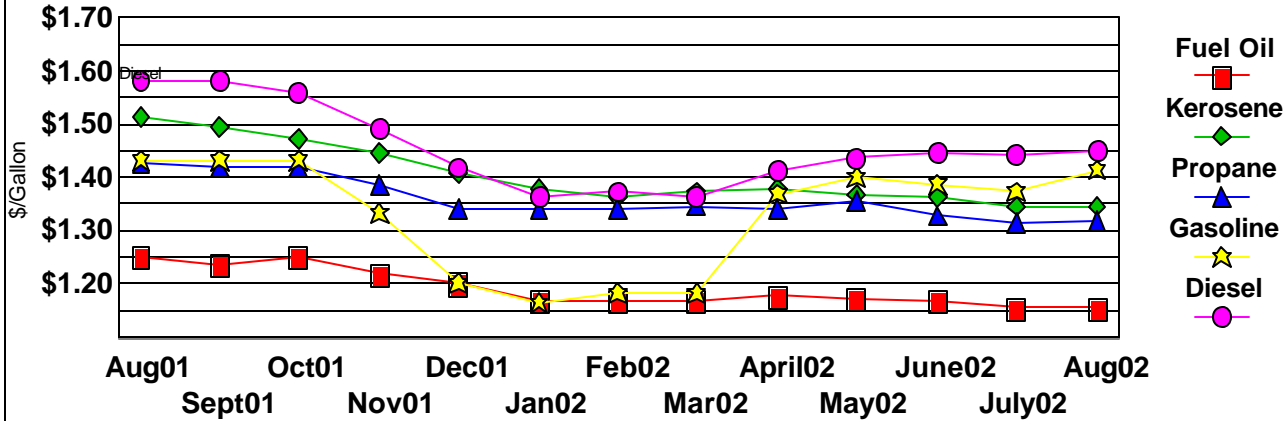


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## Vermont Picture

### One Year Price Trend

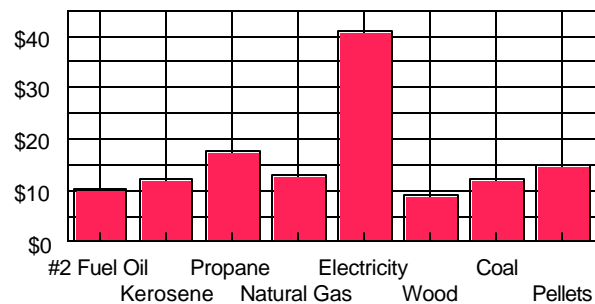


### Average Retail Petroleum Prices (per gallon)

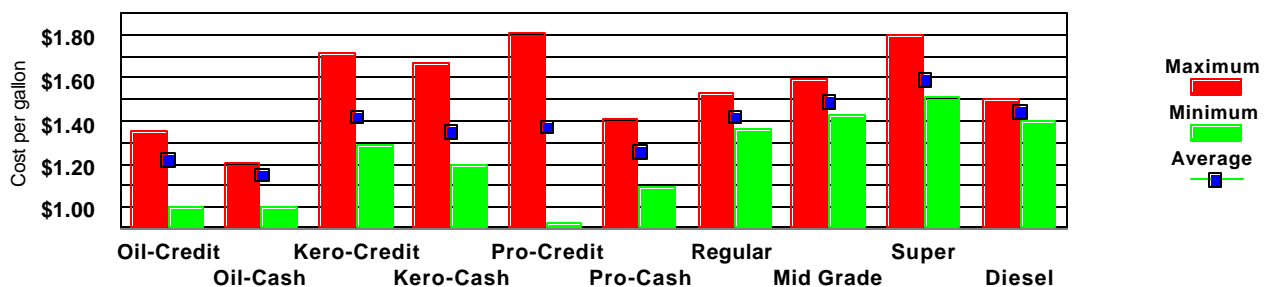
	Aug02	July02	%change	Aug01	%change
No. 2 Fuel Oil	\$1.16	\$1.16	-0.1%	\$1.25	-7.9%
Kerosene	\$1.35	\$1.35	-0.1%	\$1.52	-11.3%
Propane	\$1.32	\$1.32	0.3%	\$1.43	-7.5%
Unleaded Gasoline	\$1.42	\$1.37	3.3%	\$1.43	-1.0%
Diesel	\$1.45	\$1.44	0.6%	\$1.58	-8.2%

Type of Energy	BTU/unit	Adj Effic	\$/unit	\$/MMBtu
Fuel Oil, gallon	138,200	80%	\$1.155	\$10.45
Kerosene, gallon	136,600	80%	\$1.347	\$12.32
Propane, gallon	91,600	80%	\$1.320	\$18.01
Natural Gas, therm	100,000	80%	\$1.050	\$13.13
Electricity, kwh	3,412	100%	\$0.141	\$41.39
Wood, cord	22,000,000	60%	\$125.00	\$9.47
Coal, ton	24,000,000	60%	\$182.00	\$12.64
Pellets, ton	16,000,000	75%	\$181.00	\$15.08

### Cost per 1 Million BTU



### Fuel Price Ranges in Vermont



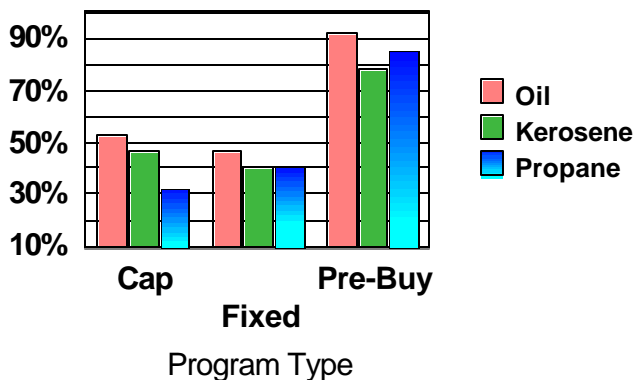
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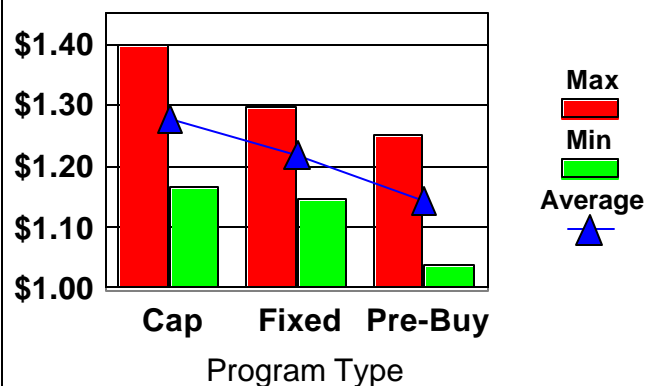
## Risk Management

Many dealers offer their customers a valuable service in the form of price control programs. "Pre-Buy" programs offer customers the opportunity to purchase a specified volume at a predetermined price. "Cap" and "Fixed Price" programs are usually part of "Budget" programs which require the customer to make equal monthly payments, often for 10 to 12 months beginning late spring. In Fixed Price programs, all of the fuel delivered is charged at a fixed price. In Cap programs, the fuel price will not exceed the cap, and may go down based on market price at time of delivery. The charts below show the availability and price per gallons for programs in the first week of August.

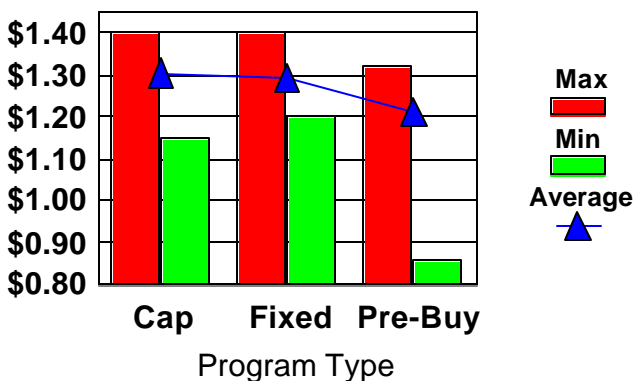
### Dealers Offering Programs (%)



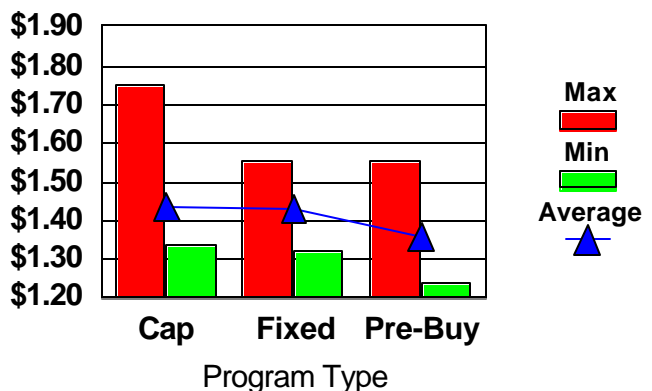
### Oil



### Propane



### Kerosene



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